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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Tom Ankner, Section President

This month, I begin my one-year term as president of the History & Preservation section of NJLA. I am looking forward to the opportunity this gives me to share with, and learn from, the members of the section. As local history librarians and archivists, it is in our interest to share best practices and experiences that can benefit everyone.

My top goal for the coming year is to expand the number of people who attend our meetings and take part in section activities. I hope to do this through our professional development activities, tours, and meetings at repositories across the state.

Our first meeting of the year will be at the Ridgewood Public Library. Local History Librarian Sarah Kiefer has generously offered to host, and give us a tour of the Library's Bolger Heritage Center. Please join us on Wednesday, July 19, at 10 am at the Ridgewood Public Library in Bergen County.

I thank all of the people who have volunteered as officers this year. Their names and biographies appear in this issue of *The Chronicle*.

I must especially acknowledge and thank Carolyn Dorsey for the fine example she set as last year's president, and for her generosity during the transition. Carolyn raised the bar for me and all future presidents of the History & Preservation section.

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MEET THE NEW H&P SECTION EXECUTIVE BOARD

President – Tom Ankner, Newark Public Library



Thomas Ankner has been an information professional for more than 25 years. After working in the Circulation Department at the Morristown & Morris Township Library, he received an MLS degree from Rutgers in 1992. Tom then worked at the Brooklyn Public Library, where he assisted patrons in the Telephone Reference division.

In 1996, Tom took a detour into the private sector. He spent more than a decade as a researcher for national news media outlets: first for ABC News in New York City, then for USA TODAY outside of Washington, DC.

Tom made a return to the world of public libraries when he was hired by the Newark Public Library in 2010. He is a reference librarian in the Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center. He has also operated a small genealogy research business since 2011. He is proud and excited to be the new president of NJLA's History & Preservation section.

Vice President – Nancy Madacsi, Sussex County Historical Society

Nancy Madacsi is the retired director of the Taylor Library at Centenary College. During her library career she worked at the College of Saint Elizabeth, at M&M Mars and at the EPA. She has been active with the NJLA serving on the executive board as the Second Vice President, heading the Reference Sections and the History & Preservation Section. She remains active with the NJLA History and Preservation section. She engages in volunteer work, serving as a trustee with the Sussex County Historical Society, and as the Secretary/Archivist at the Sparta Historical Society. She has taken up the hobby of photography and her work has appeared in national as well as local publications. She serves on the executive board of the Sparta Camera Club.



Secretary – Ken Kaufman, Somerset County Library System

Ken Kaufman has been the New Jersey topics librarian at Somerset County Library for six years. A Philadelphia native, he earned a B.S. degree from Penn State University, an M.B.A. from St. Joseph's University, and an M.L.S. from Rutgers University. Following a decade in banking, Ken has been a librarian for 17 years, working in various reference and collection development capacities at Bridgewater and Old Bridge public libraries.



Past President – Carolyn Dorsey, Morristown & Morris Township Public Library

Carolyn Dorsey is a local history and genealogy librarian at the North Jersey History and Genealogy Center at the Morristown & Morris Township Library, specializing in cataloging, digitization and collection care.

Members-at-Large –

Annamarie Klose Hrubes, William Paterson University

Annamarie Klose Hrubes holds a B.F.A. in Film & Television from New York University and an M.L.I.S. from Rutgers University. At Rutgers University, she worked on digitization and metadata for the Badian Roman Coins Collection. As Digital Projects Librarian at Frostburg State University, she managed born-digital and digitized items, including special collections, archival collections, and scholarship. Klose Hrubes is currently the Digital Initiatives Librarian at William Paterson University. Her areas of specialization include digitization, metadata, digital archives and libraries, and institutional repositories.

Richetta Wilson Lobban, East Orange Public Library

After working many years in museums and publishing, Richetta Wilson Lobban decided that librarianship was the path for her and earned an MLIS from Rutgers University. She is currently a reference librarian at the East Orange Public Library, aiming to make its local history collection more accessible to the public. She is also an active member of the NJLA newsletter editorial board.

Jessica M. Myers, Historical Society of Bloomfield

Jessica M. Myers retired as the Head of Local History and Special Collections at Plainfield Public Library in 2012 and became a volunteer for the Historical Society of Bloomfield and Special Collections assistant at Bloomfield Public Library. Jessica has worked in libraries throughout her life and received her first training in archives at the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library and Christ's College Cambridge. After working at Princeton Public Library for 12 years in the Children's Library, she began non-profit fundraising for United Way, Mercer Street Friends, Somerset Women's Resource Center, and Lakewood Prep. Fulfilling a lifetime dream, Jessica received her MLS from Rutgers in 2000. She has been a member of NJLA History and Preservation since 2002 and was president in 2014-15. She is a member of the New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance, MARAC and NJCAR. She has a consuming interest in genealogy and history and has just completed writing a book on her family's history.

Gary Saretzky, Monmouth County Archives

Gary D. Saretzky, archivist, photographer, and educator, has served as Archivist of Monmouth County, NJ since 1993. From 1977 to 2012, he was Adjunct Associate Professor at Mercer County Community College, where he taught history of photography. Saretzky earned bachelors and master's degrees in History and American History, respectively, from the University of Wisconsin. He earned a second bachelor's degree, in Photography, from Thomas Edison College. Saretzky works privately as an archival consultant, lecturer, and workshop instructor in the fields of archives, history of photography, and photographic conservation. He has conducted more than fifty consultations for the CAPES program and more than two dozen workshops on photographic conservation and other archival topics under the auspices of the Society of American Archivists, Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, NJLA, and other sponsors. Saretzky has written more than one hundred articles and book reviews in the fields of photographic history, photographic conservation, archival science and non-photo-related topics.

RED BANK PUBLIC LIBRARY REOPENS LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

Submitted by Elizabeth McDermott, Director

Co-written by Barbara Pickell, Librarian, and Brandon Volino (Rutgers Student)

Local History Room Reopens

The Red Bank Public Library was happy to reopen the Local History Room to the public for the first time in several years. The opening was a part of the 80th Anniversary celebration held on May 20, 2017. The celebration included a number of displays on Red Bank history and proclamations and kind words from several elected officials including Mayor Menna of Red Bank, Monmouth County Freeholder, John Curley, Assembly People Joann Downey and Eric Houghtaling, Senator Jennifer Beck and the



State Librarian Mary Chute. Eileen Moon, author of *Legendary Locals of Red Banks*, was the guest speaker. The Children's Department hosted a birthday party with cake and the announcement of winners of a bookmark contest. George Bowden, from the Red Bank Historic Preservation Commission, cut the ribbon to the Local History Room. Library Director Elizabeth McDermott welcomed over 300 people to the celebration and reception. The Local History Room now has regular hours on Wednesday afternoon and Saturdays.

Now anyone can stop in and peruse the unique collection of local directories, photos, memorabilia and exhibits housed on the second floor of the library. The library is proud to offer a combination of resources and online tools to historians, authors, genealogists and anyone curious about Red Bank's past.



Image: Barbara Pickell, Librarian, in newly-opened Local History Room

Intern Joins Red Bank Local History Room

This summer the Red Bank Public Library also welcomed an intern, Brandon Volino, a history student who came to us through the Rutgers University History Internship Program. In the past, some attempts had been made to gather the memories of long time community residents, but this summer has seen a revitalized, focused effort to flesh out the project. Examining the theme of **"Unity and Division"** as it applies to this history of Red Bank, Brandon is conducting a series of interviews for the purpose of producing a video that will eventually become available as part of the library's virtual collection.

We asked Brandon to tell us what he enjoys about working with the Red Bank Public Library Local History Room and this is what he had to say:

“People are so easily dazzled by the grandiosity and scale of all the wars, plagues, treaties and alliances we so commonly find in textbooks. The drama and strife, the figures of towering import and imposing character and the great losses and victories are inherently exciting: in a way they speak to that human need for the fantastical, for myths and legends. What’s lost in this narrow approach to learning history, however, is the human element. It’s easy to forget that the names we see on a page were once living, breathing people, no different from us. The Local History Room flips that paradigm on its head, showcasing front and center that history is really just a collection of stories, recalled,

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PISCATAWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIVES GRANT

Submitted by Doug Baldwin, Emerging Technologies Librarian

Piscataway Public Library is a proud recipient of the **World War I and America** Grant from Library of America and the National Endowment for the Humanities. To coincide with the 100th anniversary of America’s entry into World War I, this grant enables us

to bring together veterans and the general public to explore the American experience of the war and its role in shaping the contemporary world. Save the dates for the following special programs:

Writer’s workshop by local author Bonnie Brunish

Saturday, July 15 and Saturday, July 22, 2017, 1 pm :

Read first-hand accounts of the war by Americans who experienced it, and join us to use creative

writing as a means of expression, inspired by these stories.



Discussion of first-hand accounts of the war, led by Rutgers Professor Dr. Beryl Satter.

Sunday, October 8, 2017, 2 pm :

To register for these programs, visit or call the Kennedy Library at 732-463-1633 ext. 6.

These programs are part of World War I and America, a two-year national initiative of The Library of America presented in partnership with The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the National World War I Museum and Memorial, and other organizations, with generous support from The National Endowment for the Humanities.

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY DAY AND ARCHIVES WEEK AT MONMOUTH COUNTY LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS

Submitted by Gary Saretzky, County Archivist

Registration is now available for Archives and History Day on **Saturday, October 14**, at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters. This annual event, which began in 1996, regularly draws about 300 history enthusiasts. Some of the sixty-two tables are still available for history-related exhibitors such as local history collections at

libraries, archives, and historical societies. No registration or fee is required to attend.

Reserve your table now before they are gone by contacting shelagh.reilly@co.monmouth.nj.us and requesting a registration packet.

The preliminary program schedule is as follows:

Time	Event
8:45-9:45	Morning Refreshments
9:00-5:00	Exhibit, Library Gallery and Lobby: <i>Inventors and Innovators in Monmouth and Ocean counties</i>
9:00-5:00	New Jersey History Room: Local and State History Reference Books
9:00-3:00	Exhibit Tables: Archives and History Organizations Greetings from Monmouth County Clerk, Christine Giordano Hanlon
9:55-10:10	Color Guard, Pledge of Allegiance Greetings from Renee B. Swartz, Monmouth County Library Commission
11:15 – Noon	<i>Plenary Session</i> Awards Presentations presented by Monmouth County Clerk
12:00	Lunch: Delivered to participants (pre-ordered)
12:10-12:55	History Forum: <i>Discussion of Inventors and Innovators in New Jersey</i> Conducted by Monmouth County Historian Randall Gabrielan. Panelists: Ed Eckert, Nokia Bell Labs; Paul Israel, Keynote Speaker; and Melissa Ziobro, Monmouth University <i>(Attendees may bring lunch to the Forum)</i>
1:00-2:00*	Featured Speaker: Paul Israel, Research Professor. Director and General Editor, Thomas Edison Papers, Rutgers University-New Brunswick. New Jersey: A State of Innovation
2:00-2:15	New Jersey History Game Prize Drawings
2:15-2:45 3:00	Tour of the Monmouth County Archives (registration required) Exhibit tables close

Other Archives Week History Programs at the Monmouth County Library

October 10-19, 2017

Tuesday, October 10, 2 pm: **Movie** (invention-related): To be announced.

Wednesday, October 11, 10 - 11:30 am: Lecture: George Joynson, Reference Specialist, Monmouth County Archives, **"From Convicts to Colonels: Monmouth County Inventors."** Introduction by Gary D. Saretzky, Monmouth County Archivist.

Wednesday, October 11, 1 - 2:30 pm: Lecture: Edward Eckert, Nokia Bell Labs Corporate Archivist and Sr. Manager of IIS Intellectual Property Services. **"Nokia Bell Labs: Nine Decades of Inventing the Future."** Introduction by Randall Gabrielan, Monmouth County Historian.

Wednesday, October 11, 3 - 5 pm: Lecture: Paul Zigo, WWII Studies Institute. **"Battle for Guadalcanal, August 1942."** Program under the auspices of the Monmouth County Library.

Thursday, October 19, 7 - 8:30 pm: Lecture: Richard Frenkiel, Senior Advisor, WINLAB, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Rutgers University. **"History of Modern Communications Systems: From Telegraph to Cell Phones."** Introduction by Gary D. Saretzky, Monmouth County Archivist.

H&P SECTION MEETING

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, July 19th** at the **Ridgewood Public Library, 125 North Maple Avenue, Ridgewood, in Bergen County**. Our visit to Ridgewood will begin with a business meeting at 10 a.m. The meeting will be followed by a tour of the library's Bolger Heritage Center by Local History Librarian Sarah Kiefer. Thank you, Sarah, for hosting this event. Read about the Ridgewood Public Library's local history collection:

<https://www.ridgewoodlibrary.org/local-history--genealogy>

NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Submitted by Tom Ankner, Librarian, Charles F. Cummings NJ Information Center

We are not taking a vacation this summer at the Newark Public Library. We have a number of items of interest to lovers of history.

July marks the 50th anniversary of the Newark Rebellion, also known as the "riots." At the Newark Public Library, we are commemorating this anniversary with an exhibit and all-day symposium.

The exhibit, "*Voices from the Rebellion*," opened June 26, and will remain up until the end of August. It is a partnership between the Newark Public Library and the Center for Education and Juvenile Justice, sponsor of "The North: Civil Rights and Beyond in Urban America", a digital archive of stories of resistance in urban centers. It is co-sponsored by the Newark History Society.

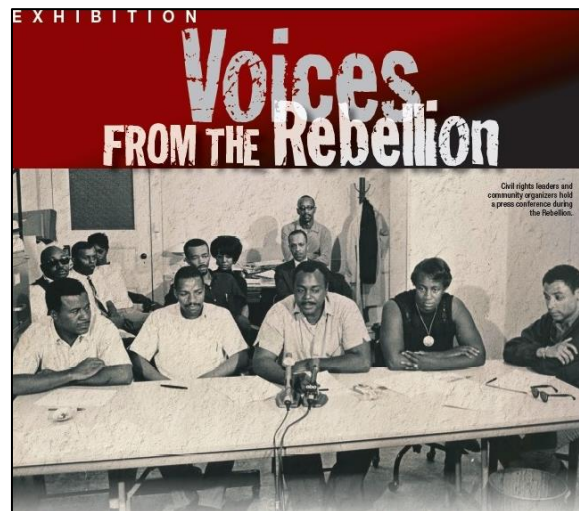
Curated by Thomas Ankner and Peter Blackmer, the exhibit uses images and video from the collections of the Newark Public Library and The North to tell the story of five days in July 1967 that had a seminal impact on New Jersey's largest city. It is on view in the Library's lobby and first-floor gallery.

On Saturday, July 15, The Newark Public Library continues its commemoration of the Rebellion with an all-day symposium. A panel discussion in the morning, organized by the Newark History Society, will feature reminiscences of people who lived through the Rebellion. An afternoon panel, moderated by local civil rights leader Junius

Williams, will examine the legacy of activism spawned by the events of 1967. Video interviews and a performance by a spoken word artist will fill out the day. Coffee will be available when the library opens at 11 am, and a light lunch will be served between the two panel discussions.

Recently launched in the second floor gallery was an exhibit honoring the memory of *journalist Tiny*

Prince, whose family donated his personal papers to the Newark Public Library after his death in 2015. For more than 40 years, Prince covered the lives of African Americans in the greater Newark area through a series of publications. The exhibit focuses on the photos and publications left by his family to the Newark



Public Library. It features images of entertainers, politicians, and everyday people. The exhibit was curated by Special Collections librarian Nadine Sergejeff, and will remain on view until September.

Continuing in our third floor gallery is "*Over Here*," an exhibit examining the role of Newark in World War I. Curated by William Paterson University professor George Robb, the exhibit uses images from the Newark Public Library, Newark-based Prudential Insurance, and private collections to tell the story of the Great War in Newark. It remains on view until the end of 2017, the 100th anniversary of the U.S. entry into the conflict.

The Newark Public Library is located at 5 Washington Street in Newark.

NEWS FROM PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Submitted by Sarah Hull, Head of Local History, Plainfield Public Library

2017 Tri-County History Fair



Image: Spectators cheer at a baseball game, 1913; vintage photo postcard with photograph by Paul Collier.

Plainfield Public Library is happy to announce the **2017 Tri-County History Fair for Middlesex, Somerset, and Union counties**. This year's fair will kick off American Archives and Family History Month on Saturday, September 30, 2017. Join us for two interesting speakers: Maxine Lurie, Seton Hall professor, author, and historian; and Eugene Armstead, NJ Chapter President of the Afro American Historical & Genealogical Society. Between lectures, we welcome back Winterhill Antiques for some antique appraisals. The fair will run from 11 am to 3 pm and will be located on the lower level of Plainfield Public Library.

Exhibitor tables are still available. Reserve one now for \$20, which includes two box lunches and two raffle tickets. This year's grand prize is an AncestryDNA testing kit! Attending this event is free and open to the public.

Plainfield and the Great War

The Library announces our latest Local History Department exhibit commemorating the 100th anniversary of the United States' entry into World War I. The Library is displaying a variety of materials from our historical collections of

photographs, documents, ephemera, and newspaper advertisements. Photographs include images of Plainfield's Home Defense League and volunteer nurses, as well as Plainfield soldiers in Troop D, Company K, and the famous all-Black regiment, the Harlem Hellfighters. Four featured items come from the Library's collection of original World War I publicity posters. We are displaying these stunning lithographs in special aluminum frames with UV-filtered Acrylite and acid-free foam board backing to protect them from light and environmental contaminants while on exhibit. Funding for the special framing was provided by the



Image: Crowds send off Troop D soldiers from Dunellen and Plainfield headed for Fort Anniston, Alabama, 1917. Photograph by Paul Collier.

New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State.

The displays are located on the main reading room wall and in two display cases, near the Reference Desk, on the main level of the Library. The exhibit will run through July 2017 and is free to the public.

For more information or to register for a table, contact Sarah Hull at (908) 757-1111 x136 or sarah.hull@plfdpl.info.

A DAY IN LEHIGH VALLEY WITH PA/NJ MARAC

Submitted by Jessica M. Myers

It was a perfect day for a meeting in the rolling hills of Pennsylvania. The PA Caucus of the Mid Atlantic Archives Conference invited the NJ MARAC Caucus to join them for their meeting in the Lehigh Valley on June 14th. It was wonderful and so unexpected.

We visited Lafayette College in Easton, PA first. I had driven past Easton before, but had no idea what was somehow hidden near the top of a particularly steep hill. The campus alone covers 340 beautifully manicured acres. Who would have thought that inside a modern library there could be floor to ceiling Tiffany windows, a gallery for library exhibitions, and rare artifacts?

We met at the Skillman College Library which houses collections from Engineering, Art, Music theatre, and Special Collections and Archives. Their Rare Book and Art Collection are vast holding 15,000 volumes including incunabula-such as the Nuremburg Chronicle of 1491. One of their specialties is their early imprint collection covering the hand press from 1450-1800.

A representative selection from Special, College, and Rare Book collections were arranged for our inspection in the new Reading Room. On one table were rare books, on another the College Collection, and on another the Special Collections. Examples of the College Archives ranged wildly from Lafayette's sword to Moore's Dixie cups! The most magnificent rare item was a 6 foot long ancient linen scroll print unearthed during the renovation and restored. There were scrapbooks, manuscripts, firsts, and examples of more current collections such as the of Christy Howard Chandler collection of War posters, together with Doonesbury cartoons.

Librarians made every item come alive by telling us how the collections began, how the material had been restored, and stressed at every turn that none of this would have been possible without the Library Friends and endowments raised for specific collections!

Then on to the exhibit gallery of first edition signed books and technology center for views of their new digital scanners, print makers and printers, and heard about their Digital Archives and Print Making Department.

After lunch we moved on for a special tour of the National Museum of Industrial History in the old Bethlehem Steel Factory. We punched in on a factory time clock and took a tour of their collections of artifacts of early industry from steel pattern making to the looms of textile industry taking each piece of cloth from the thread to finished product. It houses the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, collections from the 1876 Philadelphia World's fair industry exhibitions with over 100 machines. The museum is designed as a learning experience of industry taking one from the beginning to the end of each process so that all will remember the beginnings of America's industries.

I did not have time to join the rest for their tours later that day in Allentown. I never come away from a MARAC meeting without learning a lot. What a lovely day.

WHAT ELSE IS NEW?

Member Updates from Across New Jersey

Atlantic County Library, Somers Point Branch – submitted by Jennifer L. Altman, MS-LIS, Librarian

Hotel, Motels and Rooming Houses in Atlantic City-- 1898-1998

Tuesday, October 3, 2017, 6 pm, Somers Point Branch

Denise DeFelice will present a photographic history show about hotels in Atlantic City. Here she explains how she got interested and started on her fantastic collection:

“One day while on the computer in 1998, I thought it would be fun to just . . . take a look at some old hotels in Atlantic City, from afar. At that time, I was living in Fort Lee and commuting on weekends to AC to play music jobs. What was supposed to be just a . . . look at hotels, turned into a full blown addiction of going on each day and logging into the brand new search engine Google, to see if I was missing anything on the Atlantic City hotel scene.”

Elizabeth Public Library – submitted by Aimee Fernandez-Puente, Manager, Local History and Special Collections Department

The Elizabeth Public Library Hamilton Documents Exhibit

July 1st-27th, 3rd Floor Exhibit Area, Main Branch, 11 S. Broad Street, Elizabeth

The Elizabeth Public Library’s Local History & Special Collections Dept. will be exhibiting its collection of original Hamilton Documents throughout the month of July. The collection is comprised of two United States Loan Office Transfer Certificates and Transfer Warrants issued in 1791 and 1792 containing Alexander Hamilton’s signature as Secretary of the Treasury and a United States Treasury Bond Certificate issued in 1794. To view our companion digital exhibit, visit www.elizpl.org.

This exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Aimee Fernandez-Puente, Manager, Local History and Special Collections Dept. at 908-354-6060 ext. 7220 or e-mail afernandez@elizpl.org.

Ocean County Library – submitted by Colleen Goode, Adult Services Librarian

The History of West Point Island

Wednesday, August 2, 2017, 7 pm, Upper Shores Branch

Join local historian and author Brian Bovasso for a fun and informative presentation about a neighborhood in Lavallette, City by the Sea.

Adventures Along the Jersey Shore

Wednesday, August 23, 2017, 7 – 8:30 pm, Long Beach Island Branch

Legend and lore abound in New Jersey’s mysterious Pine Barrens and along its storied Atlantic coast. Authors Dave Hart and John Calu bring that history to life in their contemporary adventure series that culminates in final exciting tale on LBI at the height of Hurricane Sandy. Their PowerPoint presentation will include readings from their books, and a Q&A period.

Music of Early America with Charlie Zahm and Tad Marks

Tuesday, September 26, 2017, 7 – 8:30 pm, Toms River Branch

In celebration of the 250th Anniversary of Toms River Township, Charlie Zahm and Tad Marks will play music of the 18th and early 19th century.

Somerset County Library System – submitted by Ken Kaufman, New Jersey Librarian

2nd Annual 19th Century Baseball Match: Elizabeth Resolutes v. Hoboken Nine

Saturday, July 8, 2017, 12 – 4 pm, Warren Township Branch, (baseball field behind the library and playground)
Bring the family to watch our annual historically accurate baseball match as it was played nearly 150 years ago.

Women Who Helped Build a Better World

Tuesday, July 11, 2017, 7 - 8:30 pm, Bound Brook Branch - Finlayson Room

Dressed as Abigail Adams, Carol Simon Levin will perform, "Remembering the Ladies", a "collective biography" highlighting influential women and events in American history.

Crossing Under the Hudson

Thursday, July 13, 2017, 7 – 8 pm, Bridgewater Branch, Meeting Room AB

Angus Kress Gillespie takes a fresh look at the planning and construction of two key links in the transportation infrastructure of New York and New Jersey--the Holland and Lincoln Tunnels.

NJ's Colonial Architecture

Saturday, July 15, 2017, 3 – 4 pm, North Plainfield Branch, Program Room

Thursday, July 20, 2017, 7 – 8 pm, Mary Jacobs Branch, Program Room

Author David Veasey presents on New Jersey's Colonial Architecture and the state's contributions to colonial and early American life.

The History of Diners in New Jersey

Thursday, July 27, 2017, 7 – 8 pm, Bound Brook Branch, Finlayson Room

Thursday, August 3, 2017, 7 – 8 pm, Hillsborough Branch, Program Room B

Michael Gabriele discusses these vintage stainless steel gems, distinctive icons of American industrial design which were built in New Jersey and admired around the world.

Images of Somerville History V

Saturday, August 19, 2017, 3 – 4 pm, Somerville Branch, Meeting Room

Librarian, Jim Sommerville, presents on Somerville's history as shown by historical images.

George Post, "Dean of American Architects"

Tuesday, August 22, 2017, 7 – 8 pm, Bridgewater Branch, Meeting Room A

William Barry Thomson, co-author of *New Jersey Country Houses: The Somerset Hills*, presents an illustrated lecture regarding noted New York architect and Somerset County resident George Browne Post.